

## SMOG

We are constantly breathing in the air around us, so it makes good sense for us to want to try to keep it as clean as possible.

Unfortunately, many of the things we do every day create pollutants (millions of tiny specks of dirt) that are released into our air (this is known as air pollution).

Certain kinds of power plants that make the electricity (energy) we use create a lot of air pollution. Cars, trucks and buses they're also create a lot of air pollution when turned on-even when they're idling (which means they're turned on, but not moving).

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The Ministry of the Environment measures the levels of pollutants in Ontario's air several times each day. When the level of any one of these pollutants becomes particularly high, the ministry will issue a Smog Advisory.

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## What you can be to help clean up the aiR:

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- Use less electricity! Turn off lights, computers, televisions and other appliances when you're not using them.
- Recycle! Making things like paper and pop cans out of recycled materials uses a lot less energy than making them from new materials.
- Suggest to your family that you walk or bike ride to certain places instead of taking the car.
- Spread the word! Tell your friends and family how easy it is for each of us to help clear the air!

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